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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: DOCKET NUMBERS: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

EACH YEAR THE U.S. EGG INDUSTRY FORCE MOLTS MILLIONS OF HENS TO MANIPULATE EGG PRODUCTION. FORCED MOLTING IS SO STRESSFUL IT DESTROYS THE HENS' IMMUNE SYSTEM, PREDISPOSING THE BIRDS AND THEIR EGGS TO SALMONELLA INFECTION. THE USDA'S FOOD SAFETY + INSPECTION SERVICE STATED. "FSIS RECOGNIZES THAT PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS ARE RAISED BY HIGHLY STRESSFUL FORCED MOLTING PRACTICES. FOR EXAMPLE, EXTENDED STARVATION + WATER DEPRIVATION PRACTICES LEAD TO INCREASED SHEDDING OF SALMONELLA ENTERITIDIS (SE) BY LAYING HENS SUBJECTED TO THESE PRACTICES"

THE FDA HAS JURISDICTION TO BAN FARM PRACTICES THAT INSURE HUMAN HEALTH. THEREFORE, THE FDA SHOULD BAN THE PRACTICE OF FORCED MOLTING BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY SHOWN TO PROMOTE DISEASE BY DESTROYING THE STARVING HENS' IMMUNE SYSTEM. PLEASE BAN THIS PRACTICE

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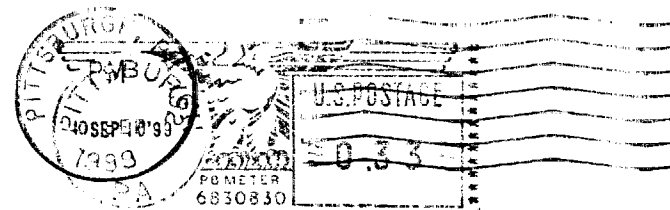
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